

schools, which earned him the endorsement of California charter advocates and some of their biggest financial backers.

But the State's two leading Republican candidates are polling ahead of Villaraigosa. Businessman John Cox is pretty silent on education opportunity, and Assemblyman Travis Allen is a fierce advocate of educational choice. They are polling at 18 and 16 percent respectively ahead of Villaraigosa's 9%.

**GEORGIA.** The winner of May 22nd= 2s Democratic primary, Stacey Abrams says educational choice is "diversion of funds to private schools" that "[undermine] our government's responsibility." (Hmmm, you mean the responsibility to educate kids which they can't do in most states and communities, Stacey?)

The Republicans will run off Lt. Governor Casey Cagle and Secretary of State Brian Kemp in July both of whom have supported education opportunity. Kemp also supports military vouchers.

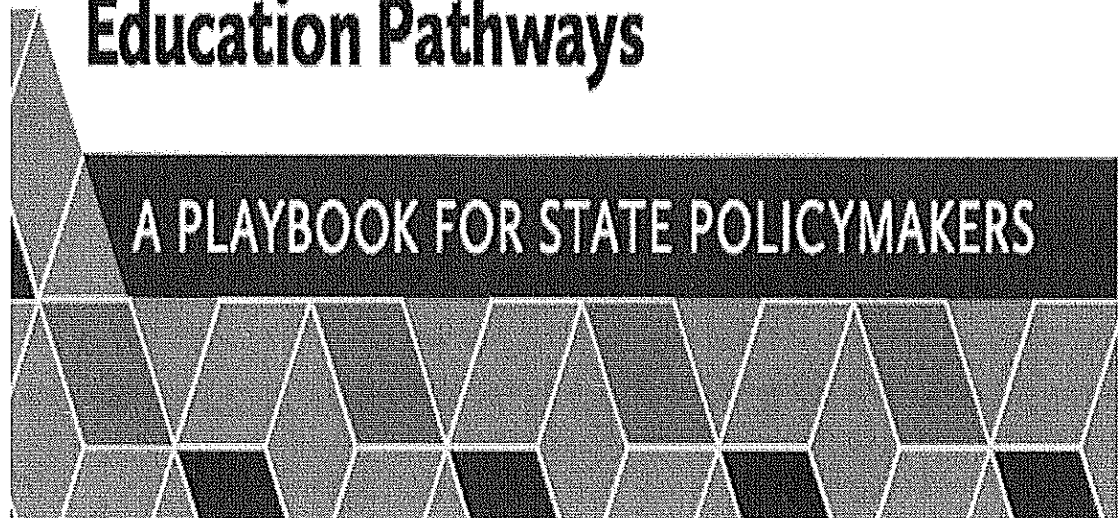
**UNIONS GEAR UP (BRACE) FOR JANUS.** The U.S. Supreme Court will deliver a decision in Janus v. AFSME sometime in June, and true to form, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) is focused on how to mitigate membership losses that will be inevitable if the Court rules in favor of Janus. AFT says it will lose members (aww, darn) and is buying up advertising to scare people that this decision is terminal... for... exactly who? Imagine if those funds were given back to the teachers who can't make enough money in the prime of their lives thanks to A) the policies they lobby for and B) the dues they extract.

**GET THE DETAILS** with the latest Reality Check w/Jeanne Allen with guest Colin Sharkey, EVP of the Association of American Teachers, the largest non-union professional association for teachers. Colin is uniquely qualified to comment on the case and its implications for the public sector and the teaching profession. Mark Mix, the head of the National Right to Work

Legal Defense Fund, also talks about the case he helped to take all the way to the Supreme Court.

**EXCEL IN ED PLAYBOOK.** Shout out to the Foundation for Excellence in Education for producing the first-ever playbook for state policymakers defining the case for strengthening career and technical pathways through cross-sector partnerships. Let's strive to help learners at all levels, particularly those ill-served by traditional schooling all these years.

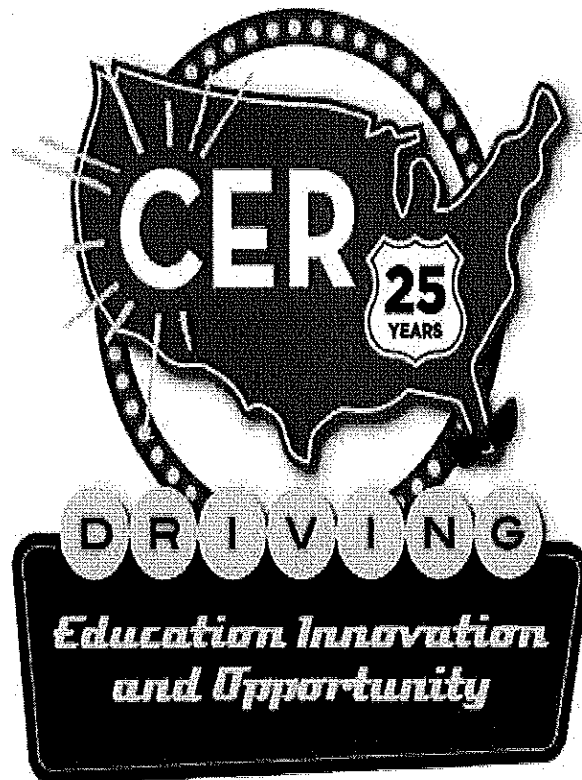
# Building Cross-Sector Partnerships to Support Career and Technical Education Pathways



**STUDENT-CENTERED FUNDING IN NORTH CAROLINA?** Could a new funding model mean greater impact, and more money going to teachers students and classrooms in NC? The NC budget includes a 6-7% pay increase for teachers and principals, performance pay provisions for additional bonuses, increases for all education related growth and even includes a provision allowing property tax dollars to fund public schools or public charter schools

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Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for more military jobs (Associated Press, 5/31/2018)

Mike DeWine says right-to-work is not on his agenda. So did GOP governors who later supported it. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Paul Ryan to attend Troy Balderson fundraiser in suburban Columbus (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Questions about funding stall Ohio bail-reform bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

State Rep. Scott Lipps wears his last name with a smile (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Brown-Portman bill would give fentanyl detectors to law enforcement (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

**Democratic group assails Balderson on ECOT campaign cash (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for military jobs (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Speaker feud continues as Smith backers call for immediate vote (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

**Bill would push Ohio schools to open after Labor Day (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Dayton company part of 'clean energy' movement that could create 20K Ohio jobs (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Dems want to pin ECOT blame on GOP in fall election: What's really going on (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)**

**Ohio House speaker candidate demands immediate vote (Toledo Blade, 5/31/2018)**

**Lawmakers losing patience get the promise of a light at the end of the tunnel (WDTN, 5/31/2018)**

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**A troubling window into Army Corps machinations over Cuyahoga River dredge: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)**

**Decisions made in Columbus are forcing local tax increases (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)**

**Editorial: Only one real choice in Ohio House speaker mess (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)**

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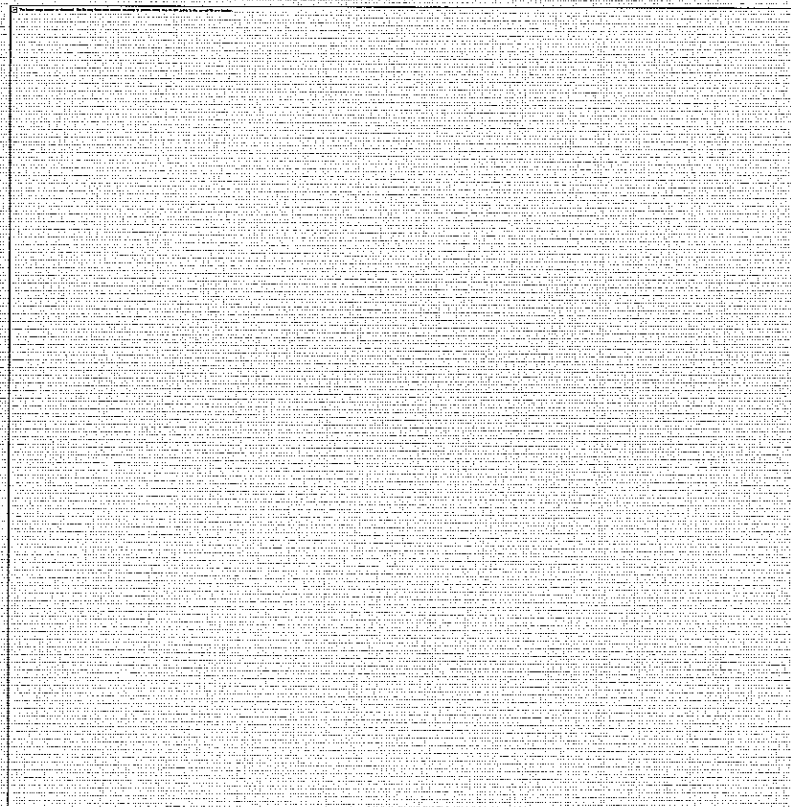
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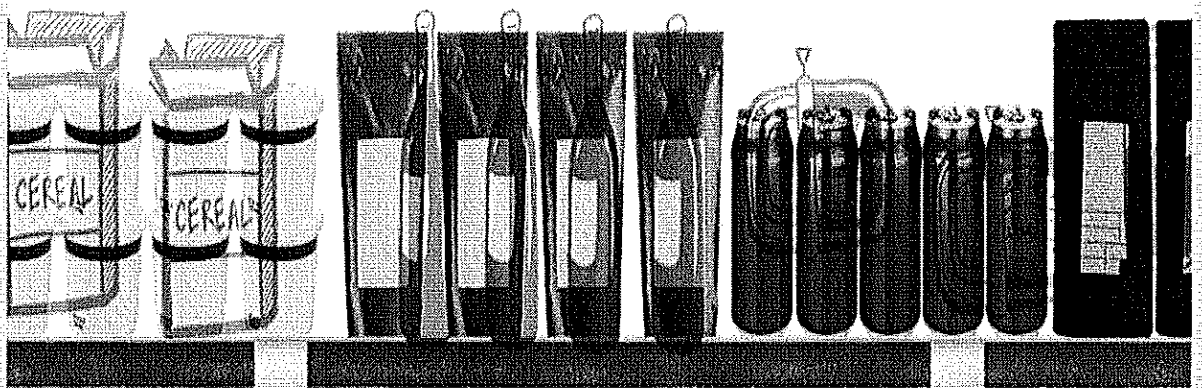


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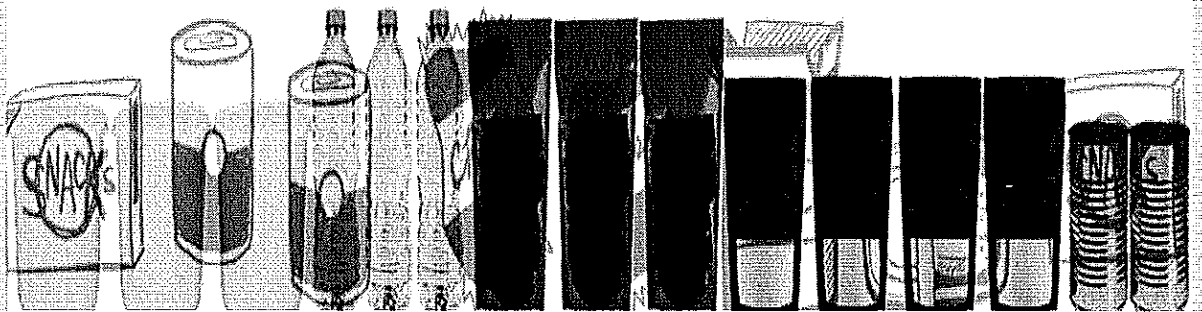


- President Donald Trump said the canceled Singapore summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is back on after a meeting with North Korean official Kim Yong Chol in the Oval Office. Trump nixed the summit last week, alleging "open hostility" from the Asian country. (The New York Times)
- Trump may have violated guidelines regarding the release of sensitive economic data by tweeting that he was "looking forward" to the May employment report more than an hour before the numbers were published. While the tweet did not include any specific economic information, it was correlated with a rise in the 10-year Treasury note and stock market futures. (Politico)
- A political advocacy group funded by Charles and David Koch released a digital ad campaign praising Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (N.D.) for co-sponsoring a measure that rolls back regulations from the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. Americans for Prosperity President Tim Phillips noted that while his organization disagrees with Heitkamp on some things, such as her vote against the tax reform bill, "we hope to find common ground and work with Sen. Heitkamp on other issues moving forward." (CNBC)



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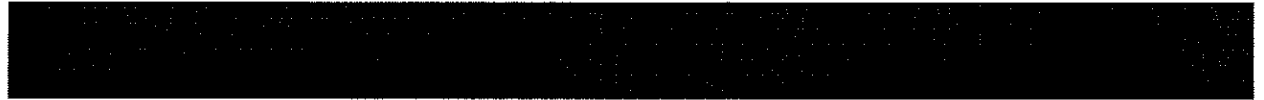
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**Subject:** Morning Consult Washington: Giuliani Says Trump 'Probably Does' Have the Power to Pardon Himself



WASHINGTON, June 4 (AP) — Donald Trump's attorney, Rudy Giuliani, said Monday that the president "probably does" have the power to pardon himself, a claim that drew criticism from legal scholars and the Justice Department.

Giuliani, who has been a vocal defender of Trump, said the president has the authority to pardon himself for any crime he might commit, including the crime of obstruction of justice, which is the charge against Trump in the Russia investigation.

"I think the president has the power to pardon himself," Giuliani said in a statement. "I think it's probably the case that the president has the power to pardon himself for any crime he might commit."

Giuliani's statement came in the wake of a report from the New York Times that Trump had asked Giuliani to help him secure a pardon from the Justice Department. The report also said that Giuliani had agreed to help Trump in this effort.

The Justice Department, which is led by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, has not yet responded to Giuliani's statement. However, legal scholars and critics of Trump have expressed concern that Giuliani's claim is an attempt to shield Trump from prosecution.

"This is a very serious claim," said one legal scholar. "It suggests that the president is above the law, and that he can commit any crime without consequence. This is a dangerous precedent that should not be set."

Giuliani's statement also drew criticism from within the Trump administration. Some officials have expressed concern that Giuliani's claim could damage the president's reputation and the credibility of the administration.

"This is a very reckless statement," said one administration official. "It suggests that the president is above the law, and that he can commit any crime without consequence. This is a dangerous precedent that should not be set."

Giuliani, however, remains confident in his claim. He said that he has spoken with several legal experts, and that they have all agreed that the president has the power to pardon himself.

"I am very confident in this claim," Giuliani said. "I think it's probably the case that the president has the power to pardon himself for any crime he might commit."

Giuliani's statement is one of the most controversial claims made by the Trump administration since Trump took office. It has sparked a heated debate about the power of the president to pardon himself, and about the role of the Justice Department in investigating the president.

The debate is likely to continue for some time, as the Justice Department and the courts consider the claim. It is also likely to be a major topic of discussion in the upcoming presidential election.

By Eli Yokley

## Top Stories

- Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a lawyer for President Donald Trump, said the president "probably does" have the power to pardon himself. But, during an interview about special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, Giuliani said Trump "has no intention" of pardoning himself, adding that the "political ramifications of that would be tough." ([ABC News](#))
- Trump's lawyers said in a confidential letter delivered to Mueller's office in January that the president cannot be compelled to testify in the special counsel's investigation, and that Trump could not have committed obstructed justice because he has authority over all federal investigations. Trump's lawyers fear he risks subjecting himself to accusations of lying to investigators if he answers questions voluntarily or in front of a grand jury. ([The New York Times](#))
- House Republican leaders are hoping to broker a deal this week that would allow floor votes on immigration measures controlled by the party's leadership, instead a series of contentious immigration votes that could be forced by moderate Republicans. Two more Republican signatures are needed to trigger the controversial votes via a discharge petition, assuming all House Democrats support the legislative maneuver. ([The Hill](#))

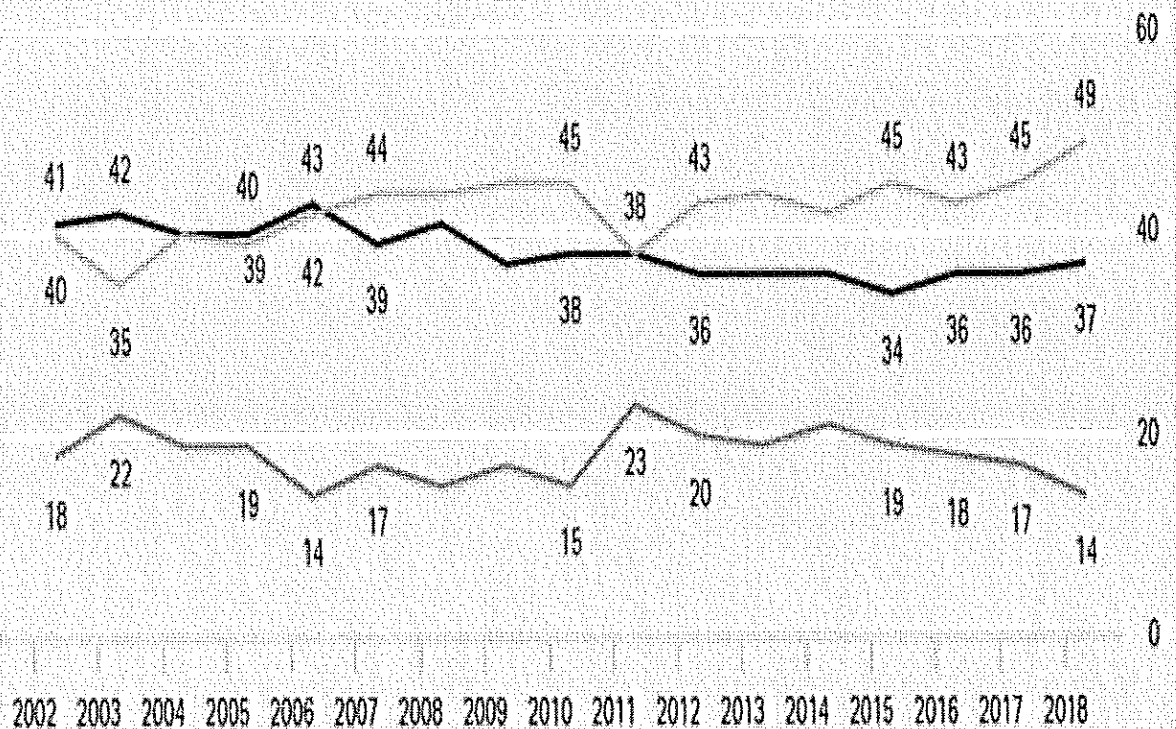
## Chart Review

### **About Half of Americans Say U.S. Moral Values Are 'Poor'** **Gallup**

## Public Most Negative Since 2002 About U.S. Moral Values

How would you rate the overall state of moral values in this country today -- as excellent, good, only fair or poor?

■ % Excellent/Good ■ % Only fair ■ % Poor



## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

**MONDAY**

No events scheduled

## **TUESDAY**

<u>Sen. Warner participates in Axios event on tech</u>	8 a.m.
<u>ICE deputy director participates in National Press Club event</u>	9:30 a.m.
<u>Heritage Foundation hosts event on the Trump administration's strategy in Europe</u>	11 a.m.
<u>Montana governor participates in CAP event on money in politics</u>	12 p.m.
<u>Washington Institute for Near East Policy hosts event to discuss the Gulf's view of U.S.-Iran relations</u>	12:30 p.m.
<u>Heritage Foundation event on the potential U.S.-North Korea summit</u>	1:30 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY**

<u>CEA's Hassett, OECD's Gurría speak at event on new survey on U.S. economy</u>	9 a.m.
<u>Sen. Sanders speaks at event hosted by The Washington Post</u>	9:30 a.m.
<u>HHS' Azar testifies at House Education and the Workforce Committee hearing</u>	10 a.m.
<u>House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee hearing on ending U.S. involvement in the Iran nuclear deal</u>	2 p.m.

## **THURSDAY**

**DOT's Chao, Sens. Blunt and Cantwell speak at Washington Post event**

**8:30  
a.m.**

**Arizona governor participates in AEI event on the opioid crisis and foster care families**

**8:55  
a.m.**

**Commerce Under Secretary Gilbert Kaplan discusses trade policy at WITA event**

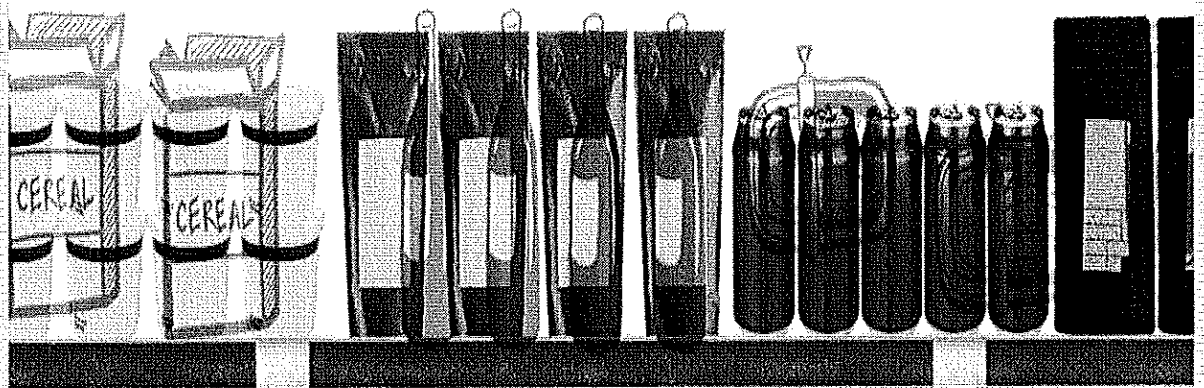
**2 p.m.**

## **FRIDAY**

**Heritage Foundation event on U.S.-Indonesia relations**

**10 a.m.**





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## **General**

### **Pentagon to take over security clearance checks** **Lolita C. Baldor, The Associated Press**

The Defense Department is poised to take over background investigations for the federal government, using increased automation and high-tech analysis to tighten controls and tackle an enormous backlog of workers waiting for security clearances, according to U.S. officials. The change aims to fix a system whose weaknesses were exposed by the case of a Navy contractor who gunned down a dozen people at Washington's Navy Yard in 2013.

### **Iran calls on world to stand up to Trump, save nuclear deal** **Bozorgmehr Sharafedin, Reuters**

The world should stand up to Washington's bullying behavior, Iran's foreign minister was quoted as saying on Sunday by state media in a letter to counterparts, as the top diplomat intensifies efforts to save a nuclear deal after a U.S. exit. U.S. President Donald Trump pulled out last month from the 2015 accord between Iran and world powers that lifted sanctions on Tehran in exchange for curbs to its nuclear program.

### **Joe Biden steams into midterm campaigns as 2020 question looms** **Mike Memoli, NBC News**

There are two questions Joe Biden just can't avoid most days: When can you campaign for me? And what are you doing in 2020?

### **Business economists worry about possible recession in 2020** **Martin Crutsinger, The Associated Press**

A group of top business economists believes the major tax cuts President Donald Trump pushed through Congress will give a significant boost to

economic growth this year and next year. But they worry that by 2020, the country could be entering a new recession.

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## **Presidential**

### **President Trump 'probably does' have the power to pardon himself: Giuliani**

**Morgan Winsor, ABC News**

President Donald Trump's personal attorney said the commander-in-chief "probably does" have the power to pardon himself. In an interview Sunday with ABC News Chief Anchor George Stephanopoulos on "This Week," Rudy Giuliani discussed special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of whether the president may have tried to obstruct justice in the probe of Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

### **Giuliani: Trump Could Have Shot Comey And Still Couldn't Be Indicted For It**

**S.V. Date, Huffington Post**

Candidate Donald Trump bragged that he could shoot someone on New York's Fifth Avenue and not lose any support, and now President Donald Trump's lawyer says Trump could shoot the FBI director in the Oval Office and still not be prosecuted for it. "In no case can he be subpoenaed or indicted," Rudy Giuliani told HuffPost Sunday, claiming a president's constitutional powers are that broad.

### **Trump's Lawyers, in Confidential Memo, Argue to Head Off a Historic Subpoena**

**Michael S. Schmidt et al., The Washington Post**

President Trump's lawyers have for months quietly waged a campaign to keep the special counsel from trying to force him to answer questions in the investigation into whether he obstructed justice, asserting that he cannot be compelled to testify and arguing in a confidential letter that he

could not possibly have committed obstruction because he has unfettered authority over all federal investigations. In a brash assertion of presidential power, the 20-page letter - sent to the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III, and obtained by The New York Times - contends that the president cannot illegally obstruct any aspect of the investigation into Russia's election meddling because the Constitution empowers him to, "if he wished, terminate the inquiry, or even exercise his power to pardon."

**President Trump Orders Help For Coal And Nuclear Plants**  
**Jeff Brady, NPR News**

President Trump has ordered Energy Secretary Rick Perry to take immediate steps to help financially troubled coal and nuclear power plants. A draft plan marked "confidential" is being circulated around Washington.

**White House plans to nominate conservative documentarian, Bannon ally, to lead government media agency**  
**Hadas Gold, CNN**

President Donald Trump will nominate a conservative documentarian and Stephen Bannon ally to lead a large government agency that creates and distributes news to more than one hundred countries. Late Friday, the White House announced its intent to nominate Michael Pack, a former president of the conservative Claremont Institute, to lead the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

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## **Senate**

**Senate Republicans Are Newly Hopeful About the Midterms. For Good Reason.**  
**Jonathan Martin, The New York Times**

After a turbulent first year confronting friendly fire from President Trump, Senate Republicans are entering the summer before the midterm

elections feeling more hopeful about retaining their narrow majority than at any time since the president's election. And for good reason.

**GOP senators need an agenda - so they're doing a poll**  
**John Bresnahan and Burgess Everett, Politico**

Republican senators aren't sure what to do between now and the November election. So they're conducting a poll - of themselves.

**Jon Tester, a Democrat in Deep-Red Montana, Isn't Sweating Trump's Threats**  
**Nicholas Fandos, The New York Times**

Under a nearly cloudless sky on the sun-speckled northern prairie last Tuesday, Jon Tester, this state's senior senator, had his hands deep inside a 25-year-old grain auger. In Washington, the White House was letting it be known that President Trump was planning a summertime blitz against Democrats running for re-election in states that he had won, a tour that would surely bring him to Montana, where the president's margin was 20 percentage points.

**State GOP facing test by backing Leah Vukmir in US Senate primary**  
**Mark Sommerhauser, Wisconsin State Journal**

The Republican Party of Wisconsin is putting its organizational muscle behind its chosen candidate for U.S. Senate, Leah Vukmir, even as her well-funded GOP opponent, Kevin Nicholson, vows to prevail in the Aug. 14 primary. History suggests Nicholson, a Delafield management consultant and political newcomer, has a tough challenge to oust the party favorite in Vukmir.

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## House

**This week: GOP faces make-or-break moment on immigration**  
**Jordain Carney and Melanie Zanona, The Hill**

House Republicans are facing a make-or-break moment on immigration as they return to Washington this week. GOP members will huddle in the Capitol on Thursday for a two-hour conference meeting designed to reach a consensus on the hot-button issue.

**Majority Leader McCarthy defends Trump tariffs**  
**Jacqueline Klimas, Politico**

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy on Sunday defended the administration for leveraging tariffs on close allies as "standing up" for free trade. "We are in the middle of a trade discussion. Nobody wants to be in a trade war. Nobody wins a trade war," the California Republican said on CNN's "State of the Union."

**In Race to Succeed Paul Ryan, More Names Pop Up**  
**Kristina Peterson, The Wall Street Journal**

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Majority Whip Steve Scalise are the lawmakers to beat to replace the departing House Speaker Paul Ryan. But their status as the frontrunners to succeed Mr. Ryan, who plans to leave office in January, hasn't quelled chatter on Capitol Hill of who else might become a contender.

**Distillery owner Denver Riggleman wins GOP nomination to replace Garrett on Virginia congressional ticket**  
**Graham Moomaw, Richmond Times-Dispatch**

Virginia distillery owner Denver Riggleman on Saturday won the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Garrett, R-5th, on the ballot in November, capping a chaotic week after Garrett abruptly announced he'll step down and seek treatment for alcoholism. Riggleman, who ran a libertarian-flavored campaign for governor last year but dropped out before the GOP primary, may have saved the Republican establishment's hopes of holding the 5th District, which runs

through the middle of the state from the Northern Virginia exurbs to the North Carolina border.

### **Lujan Grisham misstated her income in 2013 financial disclosures**

**Rachana Pradhan, Politico**

Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham earned more from her role as co-owner of the company that runs New Mexico's high-risk insurance program than she stated on her congressional financial disclosure forms for 2013, according to a review of the report and newly released tax returns. In annual financial disclosures required for members of Congress, Lujan Grisham initially reported receiving between \$50,001 and \$100,000 in dividends in 2013 from the Delta Consulting Group, which she co-founded in 2008 with a political ally who went on to get elected to the New Mexico Legislature.

### **The Battle for the House Hits the Shores of Southern California**

**Bridget Bowman, Roll Call**

The battle for control of the House has landed in California, and it's partly because of voters like Deborah and Wyatt Carr. Deborah, 69, was not registered with a party, and Wyatt, 73, was a longtime Republican.

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## **States**

### **Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney poised to enter attorney general race**

**Rebecca C. Lewis, City & State New York**

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney is "getting ready" to enter the race for New York attorney general and plans to make an announcement about it early next week. In a Friday interview with City & State, referring to being openly gay, Maloney said he hopes to "make some history" and to "build a broader consensus about positive change."

**California bans travel to another state based on its  
'discriminatory' LGBT adoption law**  
**Ryan W. Miller, USA Today**

Add Oklahoma to the list of states to which California is banning state-funded and state-sponsored travel. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced Friday that as a result of "discriminatory legislation" that became Oklahoma law last month, the western state will prohibit travel to its midwestern counterpart.

**Outspoken legislator Erin Maye Quade endorsed as Erin  
Murphy's running mate in governor's race**  
**Jessie Van Berkel, Star Tribune**

Minnesota DFLers wrapped up their hard-fought endorsing convention Sunday by unexpectedly backing lieutenant governor candidate Erin Maye Quade, a rookie legislator whose fight against sexual harassment and sit-in for gun control vaulted her into the spotlight. Minnesota DFLers backed Maye Quade a day after state Rep. Erin Murphy won the gubernatorial endorsement over U.S. Rep. Tim Walz in seven rounds of voting.

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## **Advocacy**

**Lobbyist Whose Wife Rented a Condo to Scott Pruitt Failed to  
Disclose E.P.A. Lobbying**  
**Eric Lipton, The New York Times**

The lobbyist whose wife rented a \$50-a-night condo to Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, has revised his disclosure reports after his firm concluded he had not properly disclosed additional efforts to influence Mr. Pruitt and the agency - including appeals when Mr. Pruitt was living in the condo. The lobbying firm, Williams & Jensen, has refiled lobbying disclosure reports from 2017 to acknowledge that Steve Hart, the firm's former chairman, lobbied the E.P.A. on behalf of



Coca-Cola and a government board from Puerto Rico helping the island address its fiscal debts.

### **Embattled Chinese Telecom Giant ZTE Hired Trump Campaign Veteran**

**Lachlan Markay, The Daily Beast**

A day after President Donald Trump announced he would consider easing penalties against a controversial Chinese electronics company, that company enlisted a Trump campaign veteran to make its case in Washington. ZTE Corporation struck a contract with D.C. lobbying and public relations powerhouse Mercury Public Affairs on May 14, a day after Trump tweeted that he would consider lifting the penalties that had been imposed on the company as punishment for its violation of sanctions against Iran and North Korea.

### **Unions Brace for Pivotal Court Decision Amid Politicking**

**Kate Ackley, Roll Call**

In preparation for a Supreme Court decision that may deal a significant setback to public-sector unions, organized labor groups are launching new recruiting efforts as they mobilize for the midterm elections. The case - brought by Illinois state worker Mark Janus against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - challenges existing law that allows government-employee unions to collect fees from nonmembers.

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## **Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives**

### **Concerned About National Security? Fund Our Schools Better**

**Henry C. Lucas Jr., Morning Consult**

The wave of teacher strikes, from West Virginia to Colorado, has raised our awareness of how teacher pay has fallen behind the salaries of other professionals and how desperate conditions are in many schools. Some

states have cut education budgets so severely that they are spending far less in today's dollars than they were ten years ago.

### **The Other China Challenge** **The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal**

While President Trump focuses on trade and North Korea, China is aggressively building military outposts beyond its borders in the South China Sea. Beijing wants to push Washington out of the Indo-Pacific, and the Trump Administration and Congress may finally be developing a serious strategy to respond.

### **The Shame in Puerto Rico** **The Editorial Board, The New York Times**

It is eight months now since Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, leveling 70,000 homes and leaving 3.3 million people without power or water and the health care system in tatters. By any measure, the catastrophe was on a level with Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, two other storms that devastated large regions of America.

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## **Research Reports and Polling**

### **CBS News Battleground Tracker: The House is a toss-up** **Anthony Salvanto et al., CBS News**

In the race for Congress, most polls report one national percentage for Democrats and Republicans. But that's not very helpful - because this is a race for seats.

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**Subject:** Re: Subgroup Cancellations

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Jim, thank you for the discussion this morning. Another outstanding meeting.

I wonder if the working group members would have any interest in a brief one session Ad Hoc sub-group discussion of school security, crisis management, and emergency response planning as it pertains to the strategy & tactics of hardening our public p-12 schools.

Drawing on my experience as a Reserve U.S. Army Officer, responsible for base physical security overseas in a combat zone, I recommend that we reach out to public safety/physical security professionals currently practicing within/near Ohio

If there is any interest in an Ad Hoc meeting, I would ask the Ohio emergency management folks as well as representatives from FEMA Region V and federal DODESSA education leadership to present. And there are security consultants in central Ohio who have worked hard to help many districts improve their security posture in the last few months.

I've previously spoken to our co-chairs Rep. Cupp & Rep. Patterson about the timeliness of this topic. Leveraging best practices from the National emergency response enterprise, we can integrate our safety/security administrators in near term (summer/fall) emergency response training opportunities, making our schools markedly safer for the upcoming school year. (I would include data security as well.)

Regardless of whether schools decide to participate in drills and other planning exercises, the safety/security discussion is extremely useful for all of our stakeholders.

Happy to help coordinate meeting logistics if the group has interest.

Thank you for considering my input.

Best,

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All,

The following June subgroup meetings (for this week) have been cancelled:

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. - Base cost

1:30 p.m. - Distribution

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 a.m. - Technology

All other regular monthly subgroup meetings will be held as scheduled, unless otherwise notified.

The full Workgroup meeting for June will be held on Room 1948 on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor of the Riffe Center at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

All final regularly scheduled subgroup meetings will be held at OSBA at their normal times as follows:

6-27 - 9:30 a.m. - ESC's, CTC's, and STEM  
7-10 - 9:30 a.m. - Special Ed., Gifted, and ELL  
7-10 - 1:30 p.m. - Transportation (if necessary)  
7-12 - 9:30 a.m. - Base Cost  
7-12 - 1:30 p.m. - Distribution  
7-13 - 9:30 a.m. - Technology (if necessary)  
7-17 - 9:30 a.m. - Poverty, Preschool  
7-17 - 1:30 p.m. - Open Enrollment, Charter Funding and Vouchers

The FINAL full Workgroup meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Riffe Center at 10:00 a.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks again for your involvement, input and cooperation.



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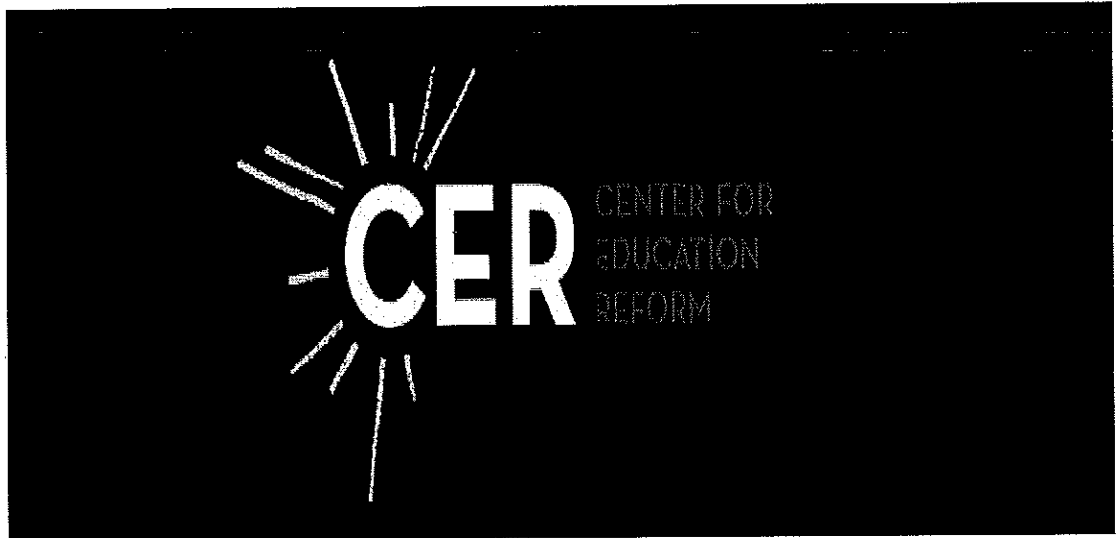
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**POLITICS AS UNUSUAL.** "A subterranean divide among Democrats between backers of teachers unions and those of charter schools and other education innovations is helping shape key gubernatorial primaries..." so reports the AP. Charter schools and edreform have long been backburner issues in political campaigns, but in some places a tipping point has been reached. In Colorado, for example, tension has been building over education for months; activists tried to forbid the group Democrats for Education Reform, which backs candidates who support innovations like charter schools and evaluations, from

using the party's name in its title. Some of this strife is being driven the teachers unions. [Read more here.](#)

**PERSONALITY POLITICS.** The *NY Times* [posits](#) that because Ed Secretary Betsy DeVos is allegedly such a polarizing figure her support for charter schools actually does more harm to the charter movement than good. "One survey of views on charter schools found... ..the president and his education secretary are so disliked by liberals that some will automatically reject whatever they endorse." While that isn't surprising, it is unfortunate and has spawned a narrative of negativity that is doing a terrible disservice to charters specifically and ed opportunities and innovations generally.

**NEW YORK POLITICS.** A *NY Post* [editorial](#) lays it on the line for NY Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza. If he truly wants to mend fences with the city's high-performing charter schools and their leaders, he can start by granting long-languishing space requests and also end an injustice that NY1 exposed this week: discrimination by the Committee on Special Education 1 against kids who attend Success Academy (it's been slow-walking requests for Success Academy students, and even unfairly denying services). [Continued...](#)

**SOMEBODY'S GOTTA STAND UP.** Last week *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* ran a piece about how Nevada's Clark County School District had created a new marketing position to sell the district's schools to parents and slow the exodus of student to charter schools. We responded with a letter to the editor, which reads in part "The [district's] goal should not be 'How do we convince families not to leave?' It should be 'How do we provide learning experiences and results that make them want to stay?'" Read the letter in its entirety [here](#).

**AND WHILE WE WE'RE AT IT.** How do we say this politely....? We've just about had it Valerie Strauss' attempts at journalism, and with the people she quotes and whose opinions she offers up as "proof" that public education is

under attack by dark forces who want to "privatize" schools. So we fired off a letter to *The Washington Post* too.

**CONFIRMATION.** One of the comments you often hear from parents who choose to send their children to charter, or private schools is the simple desire to ensure their kids are safe – which, sadly, is often not the case in the schools that many children attend. But are those desires met? According to an analysis of the second-year results of the federal evaluation of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (the federally funded scholarship program that allows low-income families in D.C. to use public education dollars to cover private-school tuition for their kids) by *The Hill*, the answer is a resounding yes! Get the facts.

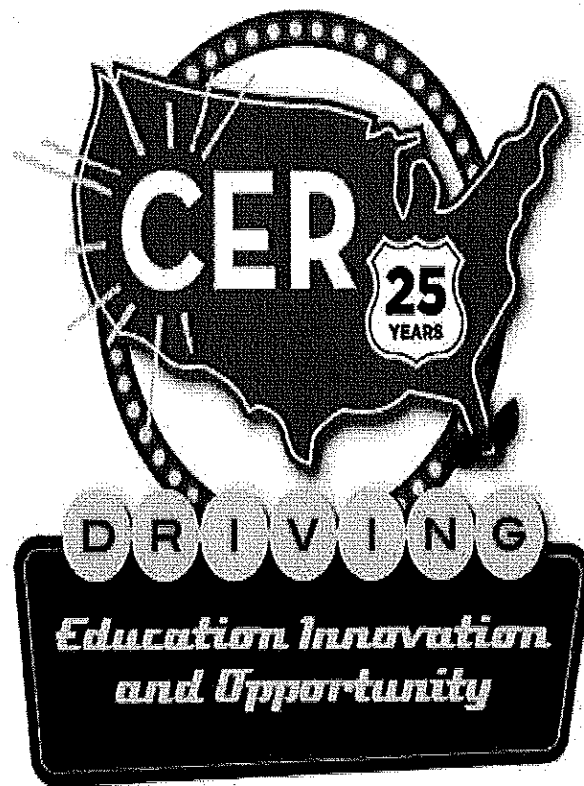
**GOOD NEWS?** Later this month the Baltimore School Board will consider applications for six new charter schools. Unfortunately, the same school board has consistently cut its budget for the city's existing 34 charter schools (which serve about 20 percent of Charm City's 80,600 public school students). Adding insult to injury, there's a new funding formula that has charter schools paying the district millions of dollars for services previously covered by the school system. Nicole Harris-Crest, ED of the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools, said the cuts and new rules made for a pretty tough environment for starting a charter school. "But," she added, "it adds additional people to the movement to fight for equitable funding." It's time the state legislature or the courts step in to make the playing field more level for charters and traditional public schools alike.

**ON CHEERIER NOTES.** Check out these two stories on charter schools. First the CBS Morning News story on BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, which has captured the top five spots on U.S. News and World Report's list of the best high schools and where students are required to take at least seven AP courses, beginning as early as eighth grade (*and some take as many as 20*). And do yourself a favor by reading "A change of schools changed everything" by valedictorian of the 2018 graduating class of PACE Career

Academy in Allenstown, NH. It's a great personal testament to all the things that are the foundation of innovations and opportunities that are charter schools.

**TIME FOR A REALITY CHECK.** In a lifetime of amassing experiences and diverse avenues of success, Bill Walton, founder and chairman of the private equity firm Rappahannock Ventures, has been driven by one defining theme, "I've always been interested in the barriers to change." A lifelong learner, Bill is an entrepreneur, education reformer, supporter of the arts, and is a feature film and documentary producer. Bill and his wife Sarah developed an entire French and Spanish language curriculum, Language Odyssey. Since then, he has been passionate in the belief that, "A free market in education rather than government-run schools is the ideal system for every child to flourish in." Listen online at <https://www.edreform.com/realitycheck/>.

**TICK-TOCK.** The clock's winding down, and decisions are being handed down, as the end of this session of the Supreme Court draws to a close. Before it's all over there'll be a decision on Janus v. AFSCME which, if it goes as anticipated (in favor of Janus) will have a huge impact on the power of the teacher's union. For all the latest news, and up-to-the-minute comment, visit [edreform.com](http://edreform.com) or go to <https://standwithworkers.org/>.



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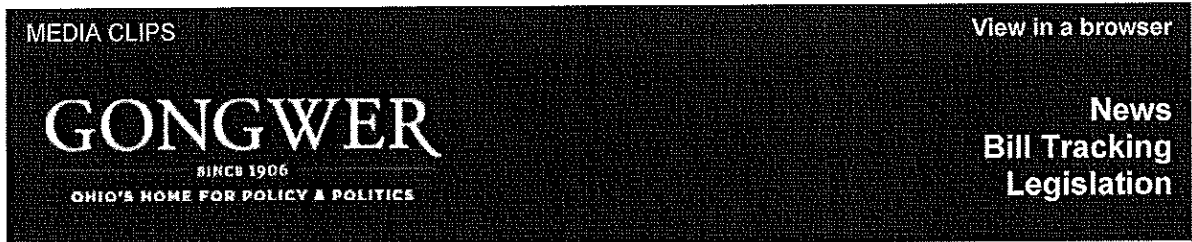
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Members of the Ohio House of Representatives:

On behalf of tens of thousands of activists across the state of Ohio, I write urging you to vote 'YES' on Substitute Senate Bill 4, which will partially expunge the criminal records of individuals who incurred those records while victims of human trafficking. Enacting this legislation will provide them with a very real opportunity to move forward with their lives, and our organization actively promotes the elimination of precisely these types of external barriers to economic freedom and personal fulfillment.

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**STUDENTS EXPLORE SELF-EXPRESSION IN OHIO  
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION YOUTH ART EXHIBITION**



Project Snapshot and Envision Project participants learned how to process film and take photos in preparation to display their photography at the Ohio Civil Rights Commission Youth Art Exhibition.

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## **51 OHIO MUSEUMS OFFER FREE ADMISSION TO MILITARY THIS SUMMER**

More than 2,000 museums nationwide are set to offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

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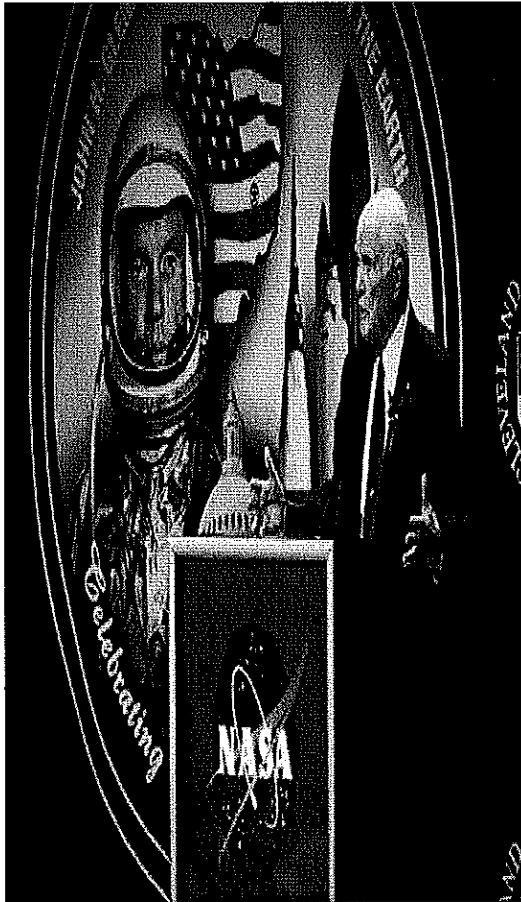


## **TWO OHIO COMPANIES RECEIVE GRANTS TO PRODUCE SHAKESPEARE PLAYS AND PROGRAMMING**

Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and Cleveland's Great Lakes Theater were awarded Shakespeare in American Communities grants from Arts Midwest and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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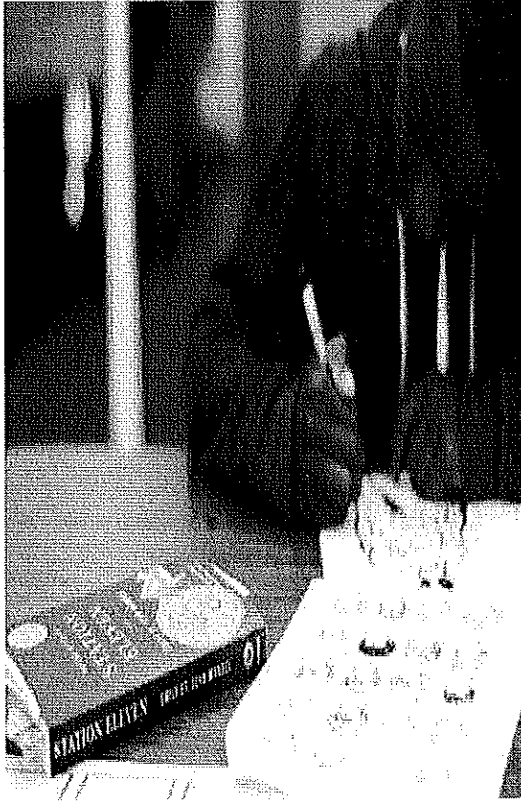




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"I want them to listen in a way that just lets them experience that feeling of loyalty and that connection that John and Annie had. I just hope that they feel that sense of pride in this great Ohioan, this great Marine, and this great American."

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## OHIO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE NATIONAL LITERATURE GRANTS

The Center for Arts-Inspired Learning and the Massillon Museum have each been awarded a \$15,000 NEA Big Read grant to develop specific programming related to community reading efforts.

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## ON VIEW

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# WOMEN TO WATCH OHIO - 2018

A collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the  
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*Women to Watch Ohio – 2018* showcases the work of 10 Ohio women working with metal through sculpture, installation, jewelry, and two-dimensional works. The exhibition is developed in collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and is curated by Ann Bremner and Matt Distel. This is the second *Women to Watch Ohio* exhibition initiated by the Ohio Advisory Group and the first to encompass mid-Ohio as well as the northeast and southwest regions of the state.

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## **MANIPULATING METAL IN *WOMEN TO WATCH OHIO - 2018***

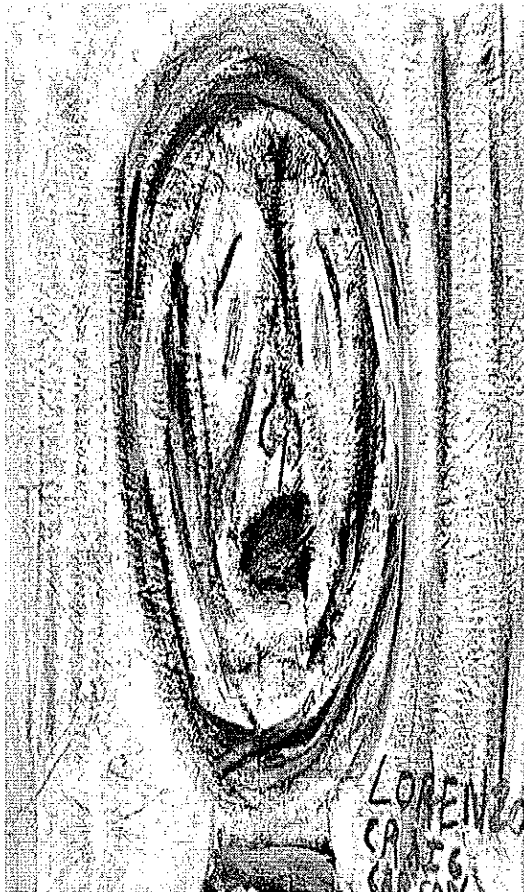
*Women to Watch Ohio - 2018* asks viewers to consider the varied materiality, technical processes, and scale of metalwork. The exhibition presents viewers with an opportunity to pause, look, and learn from an impressive group of artists and to engage with contemporary issues filtered through the lens of an often-gendered material.

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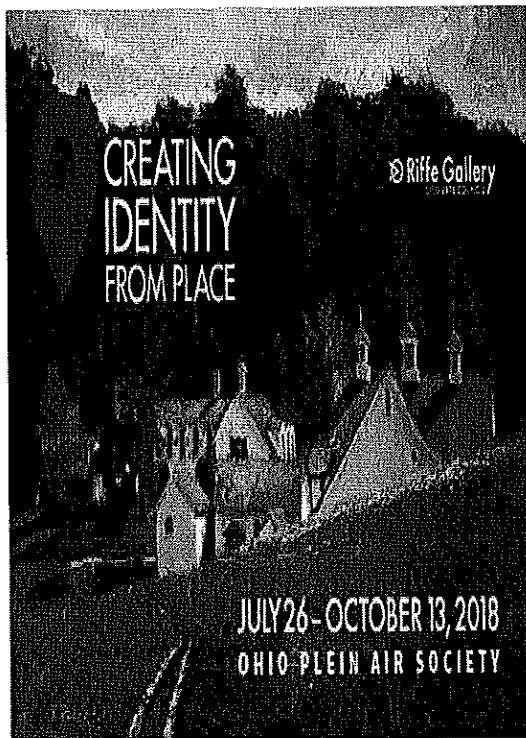


## **LOBBY EXHIBITION: ACCESSIBLE EXPRESSIONS OHIO, VSA OHIO**

**June 13 - July 11, 2018**

Started in 1996, *Accessible Expressions Ohio* is an adjudicated, statewide exhibition and tour of visual art for artists of all ages with disabilities. This professional development opportunity helps raise awareness about art and disability by presenting the art in inclusive settings.

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## CREATING IDENTITY FROM PLACE

**July 26 - October 13, 2018**

*Creating Identity from Place: Ohio Plein Air Society* is an exhibition of 73 paintings and drawings created from direct observation in nature. Curated by Artistic Director Charlotte Gordon of the Southern Ohio Museum, this exhibition of Midwestern landscapes is a reflection on the everyday beauty of Ohio.

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### SEPTEMBER 1: Individual Excellence Awards Grant Applications Due

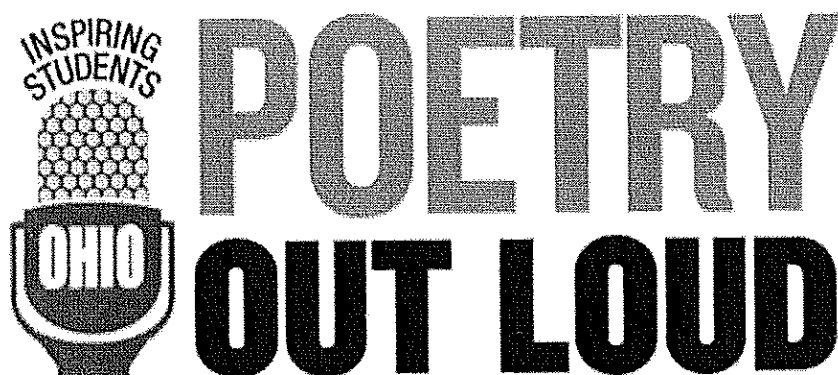
The **Individual Excellence Awards** program recognizes outstanding accomplishments by artists in a variety of disciplines. Competitive applications focused on the merit of past artistic work, combined with an open panel review conducted by nationally recognized professionals, ensure that the most exceptional individuals receive funding.

This year, applications are accepted in **crafts; design arts/illustration; interdisciplinary, collaborative & performance art; media arts; photography; visual arts 2D; and visual arts 3D.**

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**FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS | *Poetry Out Loud***



***Poetry Out Loud* Registration is Now Open**

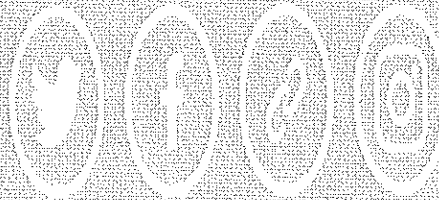
Ohio *Poetry Out Loud* registration is open for the 2018-19 competition! *Poetry Out Loud* encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.

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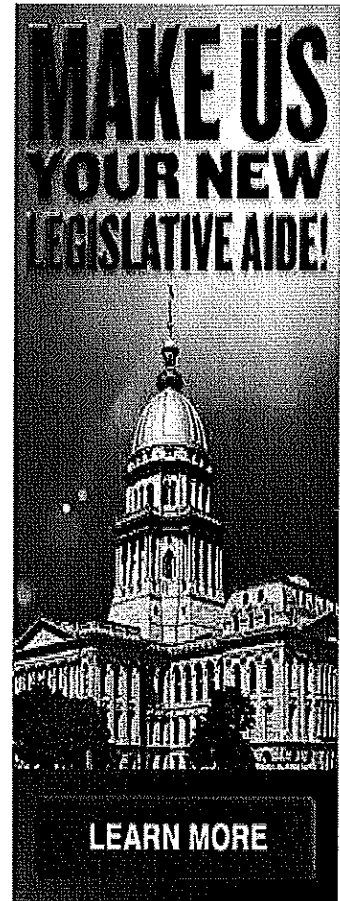
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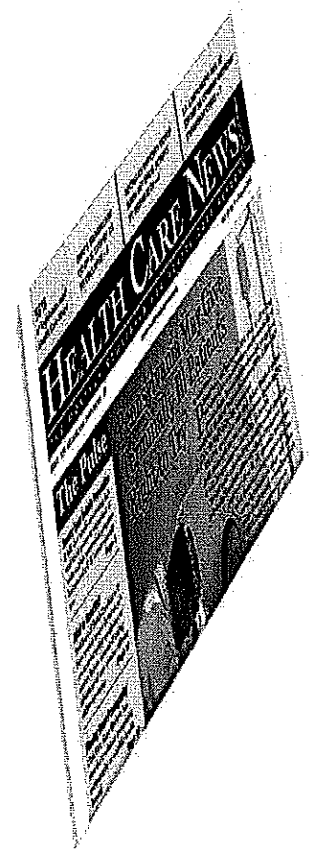
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#### **Free To Choose Medicine in Japan: A Model for America**

In this Heartland *Policy Brief*, Research Director Edward Hudgins examines Japan’s efforts to adopt a Free To Choose Medicine model for cutting-edge tissue based cures. Hudgins also explains why Japan’s success should encourage lawmakers in the United States to adopt a similar model here. “The United States is the world’s leader in medical innovations, but Japan has become the innovative world leader in creating a drug-approval process that quickly makes medical breakthroughs accessible to the patients who need them the most. American policymakers need to learn from the Japanese example to ensure U.S. medical innovators do not lose their competitive edge and that the goal of these innovations is achieved: preventing and curing illnesses,” wrote Hudgins.

#### **From Our Free-Market Friends**

**Illinois Lawmaker Proposes Making Chicago Its Own State**  
In this piece published by the Illinois Policy Institute, Joe Kaiser writes about Illinois state Rep. Reggie Phillips’ proposal urging “Congress to take action to declare the City of Chicago the 51<sup>st</sup> state.” The possibility of Chicago becoming a state was once proposed by state Rep. Bill Mitchell, in 2011. The previous effort proved to be unsuccessful and didn’t gain much support, and this new proposal looks as though it will have the same fate, as it was not voted on prior to the end of the legislative session in May. Kaiser makes the argument that “politicians would be better served focusing on reforms to make the entire state competitive, which would eliminate the contention between Chicagoans and those in the rest of the state.



In the June issue of *Health Care News*, Zachary Williams reports on the Trump administration's new proposals to lower prescription drug prices. The proposals feature four pillars: improved competition, better negotiation, incentives for lower list prices, and

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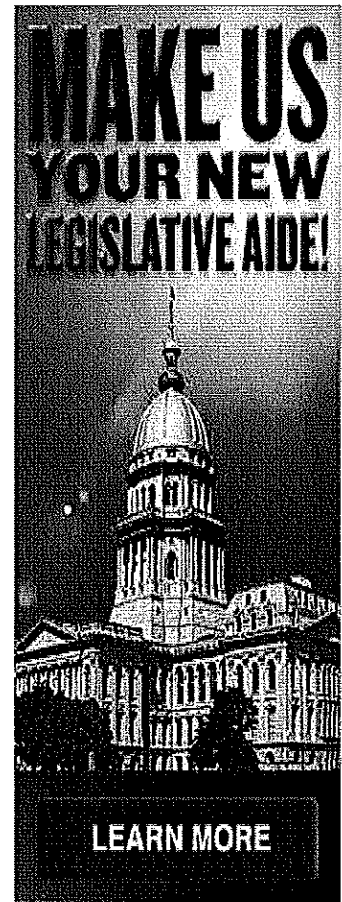
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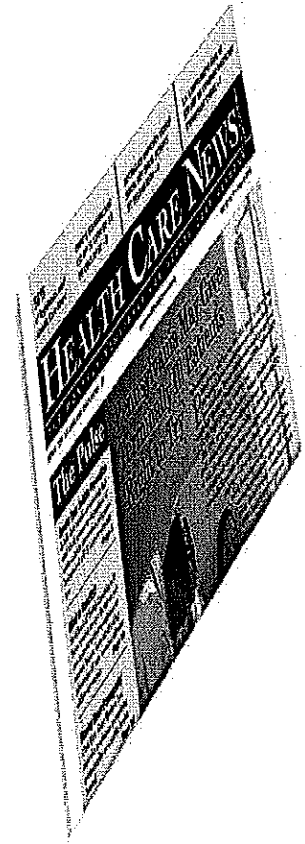
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In this Heartland *Policy Brief*, Research Director Edward Hudgins examines Japan’s efforts to adopt a Free To Choose Medicine model for cutting-edge tissue based cures. Hudgins also explains why Japan’s success should encourage lawmakers in the United States to adopt a similar model here. “The United States is the world’s leader in medical innovations, but Japan has become the innovative world leader in creating a drug-approval process that quickly makes medical breakthroughs accessible to the patients who need them the most. American policymakers need to learn from the Japanese example to ensure U.S. medical innovators do not lose their competitive edge and that the goal of these innovations is achieved: preventing and curing illnesses,” wrote Hudgins.

#### **From Our Free-Market Friends**

**Illinois Lawmaker Proposes Making Chicago Its Own State**  
In this piece published by the Illinois Policy Institute, Joe Kaiser writes about Illinois state Rep. Reggie Phillips’ proposal urging “Congress to take action to declare the City of Chicago the 51<sup>st</sup> state.” The possibility of Chicago becoming a state was once proposed by state Rep. Bill Mitchell, in 2011. The previous effort proved to be unsuccessful and didn’t gain much support, and this new proposal looks as though it will have the same fate, as it was not voted on prior to the end of the legislative session in May. Kaiser makes the argument that “politicians would be better served focusing on reforms to make the entire state competitive, which would eliminate the contention between Chicagoans and those in the rest of the state.



In the June issue of *Health Care News*, Zachary Williams reports on the Trump administration's new proposals to lower prescription drug prices. The proposals feature four pillars: improved competition, better negotiation, incentives for lower list prices, and

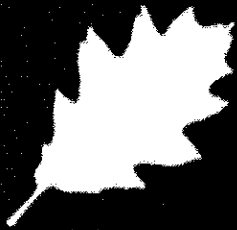
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### POLICY NEWS - FEDERAL

#### **FAA To Respond To NAC ATM Recommendations.**

Air Transport World (6/25, Carey) reports that the "FAA is expected to respond to recommendations of its NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC) to focus air traffic management (ATM) improvements in the US Northeast corridor and to provide enhanced surveillance service in oceanic airspace at the committee's forthcoming June 27 meeting." The meeting agenda "calls for the high-level industry-government group to approve 'Northeast Corridor Phase 2' recommendations to reduce airport congestion and improve flight operations."

### AVIATION

#### **Boeing Wins \$14.4 Billion In Orders Ahead Of Farnborough Airshow.**

Bloomberg News (6/25, Johnsson, Katz, Kotoky) reports that The Boeing Company "isn't waiting for next month's Farnborough International Airshow to unveil blockbuster aircraft deals," and is "poised to bolster its backlog" with two orders valued at \$14.4 billion announced Monday. Boeing's move breaks from an "industry practice of stockpiling sales for the biggest annual trade expo." A \$5.6 billion Bamboo Airways deal for 20 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and an \$8.8 billion Jet Airways deal for 75 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft "underscore the tilt of the aerospace market to Asia, where airlines are stocking up on aircraft to serve a rapidly expanding middle class." The orders also show "that Boeing has access to a wider market in the region beyond China, where it could become an easy target if trade tensions with the US escalate." Order prepayments are forecast to generate around \$5 billion in cash for Boeing this year, up from \$4.5 billion in 2017, according to a research note by Barclays analyst David Strauss.

**India's Jet Airways To Purchase 75 Boeing 737 MAX Jets In \$9.7 Billion Deal.** Reuters (6/25, Shah) reports that India's Jet Airways announced Monday that it has agreed to purchase 75 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft as the carrier "expands to meet domestic passenger demand in the world's fastest-growing aviation market." In a regulatory filing, Jet indicated that it has signed an agreement to purchase the jets, but "did not say whether the agreement was a formal order or a non-binding memorandum of understanding." The agreement is Jet's third "for Boeing's 737 MAX narrowbody jets over the last one year, taking the total to 225 aircraft." The airline signed a firm order for 75 aircraft in October and in April. At list prices, the new deal could be worth "as much as \$9.7 billion depending on which 737 MAX the airline chooses."

Bloomberg News (6/25, Katz, Kotoky) reports that Jet and its rivals are "expanding fleets as demand for domestic flights surges." SpiceJet has ordered "more than 200 single-aisle aircraft from Boeing," while IndiGo is the "biggest customer for Airbus SE's competing A320neo plane." Jet did not indicate which 737 variant it plans to acquire, but has "historically gone with the best-selling -8 model."

**Vietnam's Bamboo Airways To Purchase \$5.6 Billion In Boeing Jets.** Reuters (6/25, Banerjee) reports that The Boeing Company announced an agreement Monday to sell 20 widebody jets to Vietnam's Bamboo Airways in a deal valued at \$5.6 billion at list prices. As part of the deal, Bamboo "made a deposit in mid-June to reserve the 787-9 Dreamliners," with likely deliveries from April 2020 through 2021.

### **Australia To Purchase Six US Triton UAVs In \$5.1 Billion Deal.**

Reuters (6/25, Paul) reports that Australia has agreed to buy six US Triton UAVs in order to expand the country's maritime patrols, with an initial investment of \$1 billion for the first UAV. Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced the purchase on Tuesday. The Northrop Grumman-built Tritons will be used alongside Australian P-8A Poseidon aircraft "for long range operations and intelligence gathering, and would improve anti-submarine warfare and marine strike capability." The contract will also cover facility upgrades and support, and Australia will work with the US Navy to "develop, produce and sustain the MQ-4C Triton." Deliveries will begin in mid-2023 and be completed by 2025.

### **Boeing Wins \$1.7 Billion South Korean P-8 Poseidon Contract.**

Reuters (6/25, Kim, Lee) reports that the South Korean military has chosen The Boeing Company to supply maritime patrol aircraft in a deal worth \$1.71 billion, according to a senior Boeing official. The South Korean Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) separately confirmed the decision to acquire the P-8 Poseidon in a US government foreign military sales purchase. DAPA spokesman Kang Hwan-seok "told a media briefing the decision was made after a comprehensive review of legal aspects, cost, schedule and performance." Airbus and Saab had also promoted their C295 MPA and Swordfish aircraft, but Boeing was awarded the sole-source contract. Boeing's Poseidon has been considered the "likely candidate" due to its features such as its "large payload and distance of flight more than clears South Korea's requirements," according to a military source with direct knowledge of the matter.

### **Thailand Introduces Elbit Hermes 450 UAV.**

Aviation International News (6/25, Chuanren, Pocock) reports that the Royal Thai Army has introduced the Elbit Hermes 450 UAV, becoming the "second Southeast Asian country after Singapore to operate" the UAV. The \$28 million sale consists of four H450 aircraft and a ground control station. According to Elbit Systems, the H450 has now performed "40,000 successful combat missions." Thales UK is separately marketing the "Watchkeeper UAS that it developed from the H450 for the British Army, in cooperation with Elbit."

### **China Hints At Additional Airbus Purchases.**

Reuters (6/25, Yao, Blanchard, Lough, Rose, Trompiz) reports that China told France on Monday that it will "buy more of its farm produce, hinted at future Airbus purchases and pledged to work on market access, shoring up its trade ties with Europe amid the increasing danger of a tariff war with the United States." Chinese Premier Li Keqiang indicated to French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe "that Beijing was planning to buy more planes this year and was ready for further talks with France on obtaining Airbus aircraft." Paris and Airbus have been working to "salvage" a deal with China after French President Emmanuel Macron "returned from Beijing empty-handed in January." Li announced in a joint press conference that despite the blunders, "we are still willing to strengthen cooperation with France's Airbus." In contrast, China has "warned that Boeing could become a casualty if the world's two largest economies fail to halt their slide toward a trade war." Li's remarks appeared to "strengthen the chance of more business for Airbus," although no deal was signed on Monday.

### **Dedrone Wins First Place In SOCOM Rapid Prototyping Event.**

Aviation Week (6/25, Matthews) reports that counter-UAV system developer Dedrone won first place in the third of three "ThunderDrone" rapid prototyping events (RPE) held in collaboration with US Special Operations Command.

### **UK Minister: Airbus Brexit Warning "Completely Inappropriate."**

Reuters (6/24, MacAskill) reported that British government and business leaders "clashed in a deepening row over Brexit on Sunday" as a senior government minister accused companies including Airbus of undermining the country's prime minister. Airbus issued its "strongest warning" to date last week on the "impact of Britain's departure from the European Union," arguing that a "withdrawal without a deal would force it to reconsider its long-term position and put thousands of British jobs at risk." According to British Health Minister Jeremy Hunt, "It was completely inappropriate" for businesses make such threats because the British government is engaged in ongoing discussions with European negotiators.

The Guardian (UK) (6/25, Stewart) reports that British Business Secretary Greg Clark "hit back against anti-business comments by his cabinet colleagues," arguing that companies such as Airbus are "entitled to be listened to with respect" on Brexit. Clark highlighted the "importance of the aerospace sector to the UK economy," calling it "one of the UK's greatest manufacturing strengths."

## **SPACE**

### **Airbus, Planet Announce Joint Satellite Imagery Collaboration.**

Space News (6/25, Henry, Subscription Publication) reports that Planet and Airbus Defense and Space's geospatial division will co-develop imagery products that leverage both companies' satellites under a new partnership that combines the lower resolution but daily global coverage of Planet's cubesat constellation with Airbus' fleet of high-resolution satellites that have more limited coverage." The article briefly mentions that Planet has won at least two contracts from the NGA. According to Planet CEO Will Marshall, the agreement helps to "enable new kinds of applications and services that weren't possible alone." According to Airbus Defence and Space's Intelligence Business Director Francois Lombard, Airbus' Pleiades satellites can capture images at 50-centimeter resolution. Through the German TerraSAR-X and TanDEM-X satellites and Spain's Paz satellite, Airbus is also able to offer synthetic aperture radar for imaging through clouds and at night." By cross-selling products, the partnership hopes to attract new business for "Planet in Europe and Airbus in the United States."

### **Viasat Leases Hylas-4 Satellite Capacity From Avanti.**

Space News (6/25, Henry, Subscription Publication) reports that Viasat acquired a "quarter of the steerable capacity on Avanti's newest satellite," Hylas-4, on Monday, providing "fresh Ka-band resources the company can use anywhere from the Americas across the Atlantic to the Middle East." Viasat purchased a two-year lease for \$10 million to "support international government applications, according to Ken Peterman, president of Viasat's Government Systems division." Hylas-4 was built by Orbital ATK.

### **Japan's Hayabusa2 Approaches Ryugu Asteroid, Captures New Images.**

The New York Times (6/25, Corum, Subscription Publication) reports that Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft is "approaching the asteroid Ryugu and should arrive this week." An image shown in the article was taken "early Sunday from about 25 miles away." Ryugu is thought to contain "water ice and other materials from the early solar system." The mission's plans call for Hayabusa2 to "study Ryugu in detail, drop a small probe and three mini-rovers, touch its surface and return a sample of the asteroid to Earth in 2020."

### **Techshot Space Contractor Recognized By Vice President Pence.**

The AP (6/25) reports that Techshot, a space company from a "small town in southern Indiana," has been "recognized by Mike Pence, the state's former governor and current US vice president." Pence addressed a room of innovators June 18 "during the third meeting of the National Space Council in Washington," and introduced Techshot CEO John Vellinger to the attendees. According to Techshot Vice President of Corporate Advancement Rich Boling, "It was great to get recognition just for this path that we've been pursuing a long time." A Techshot 3D bioprinter is expected to launch to the ISS "next year, with the goal of manufacturing human tissue." Techshot anticipates that the machine may "one day produce food and pharmaceuticals to help in deep space exploration."

### **Victoria Promotes Aerospace Manufacturing In Space Agency Pitch.**

The Australian Associated Press (6/25) reports that the Australian state of Victoria is promoting its "high tech manufacturing sector" as the state promotes itself as the site for the new Australian space agency. Victoria's Industry Minister Ben Carroll will meet with federal Innovation Minister Michaelia Cash on Tuesday on hosting the space agency's headquarters. Some of the "world's biggest names in aerospace" – including The Boeing Company,

Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, and Thales – already have research, development, and manufacturing facilities in Victoria. According to Carroll, “Victoria has the proven expertise in design and manufacturing, it makes sense for us to be a key player in the new agency.” However, while Victoria and other states “are competing to host the new agency, job ads have put it squarely in Canberra.” The agency is slated to begin operations July 1, and a permanent site for the agency is expected to be determined within the next six months.

## MANUFACTURING

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### **Textron To Cease Production Of “Iconic” Cessna Citation X Plus.**

The Wichita (KS) Eagle (6/25, Siebenmark) reports that Textron Aviation plans to end production of its “iconic Cessna Citation X Plus, which for two decades was the Wichita plane manufacturer’s biggest and fastest business jet.” The company “confirmed the decision in a statement to the Eagle on Monday morning, adding that it eliminates some crossover with Textron Aviation’s newest jet that’s awaiting type certification.” According to a Textron Aviation statement, despite the Citation X’s “storied heritage,” with the “upcoming entry into service of the Citation Longitude, we are taking the opportunity to minimize overlap within this customer segment” and discontinue production. A Textron Aviation spokesperson added in an email that employees will not be affected by the move. Textron delivered 337 Cessna Citation jets in the first quarter of the year. The Citation X is equipped with Rolls-Royce engines.

## STEM EDUCATION

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### **Congress To Consider Several Education Issues This Week.**

Politico Morning Education (6/25, Hefling) reports that Congress will hear testimony on “a revamp of the federal career and technical education program, a Trump administration proposal to merge the Education and Labor departments and Education Department funding” this week. Moreover, “multiple school safety-related events are scheduled in Washington and outside the Beltway. On top of that, the Supreme Court could rule as early as today on a closely watched case that challenges the fees that public employee unions collect from nonmembers to cover collective bargaining costs.”

## MONDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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- **Leesburg Executive Airport In Second Phase Of Testing Remote Air Traffic Control Tower.**
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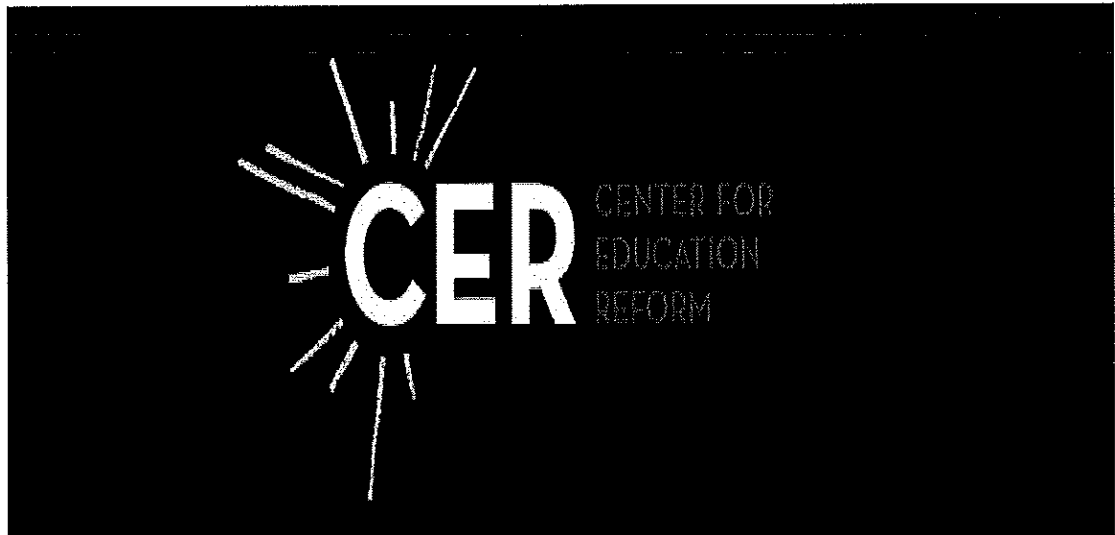
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**AND THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMIN'.** As the unions anxiously await the Supreme Court's decision on *Janus*, the lawsuits keep piling up in lower courts around the country, this time in the U.S. District Court in Camden, NJ where a South Jersey teacher who doesn't want anything to do with the state's largest teachers' union has filed suit saying she shouldn't be forced to "subsidize" the New Jersey Education Association and its activities, arguing that her constitutional rights are being violated by forcing her to pay 'representation fees' as a condition of her employment as a public school teacher "even though Ms. Smith refused to join the teachers' union and does not wish to subsidize the union's activities."

*Question.:* **HOW DO YOU REINVIGORATE THE ECONOMY IN RURAL**

**AMERICA?** *Answer:* **EDUCATION.** When we improve schools, we improve communities. And while multiple efforts exist across the U.S., rural education has been left out of many modern reforms and innovations. CER's been working on this question for a while now, and have settled on one county on the coastal plain of North Carolina to develop our pilot rural education initiative. Earlier this month, we brought together some of our friends in philanthropy, business, policy and EdTech at UNC to talk about the blue sky of what is possible in Robeson County if we break down the silos between K12, higher ed and career and all work together to leverage our unique talents. The result? A shared vision and a broad plan for implementation.

**AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION IN RURAL**

**AMERICA...** "Schools closed. Forever. What happens to a rural town after it loses its only school?" is a somber NY Times feature on the plight of rural schools and points to the desperate need for solutions to this growing national problem.

**OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS.** Florida Governor Rick Scott paid a recent visit to Puerto Rico (his seventh since Hurricane Maria) and told Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló the island has "an unbelievable opportunity to change the island for the better." At the top of Rosselló's opportunity agenda: education reform — adding charter schools, better leadership and a school voucher program. And with plans for a modernized energy grid and rebuilt infrastructure you can add innovations in education to the plan.

**WHAT DO STUDENTS WANT?** According to an annual survey by the Washington-D.C.-based College Savings Foundation the majority of high school students who will be entering college over the next three years would like to see more colleges promote education and skills training rather than only offering majors for future employment: 81 percent would like to see colleges offer skills instead of majors; 70 percent would prefer to go to that school; and

63 percent said their career plans were affecting their school choice. According to the foundation for the past four years, the number of students embracing skills-based education has been growing. This year, 36 percent have their sights set on attending a technical school; 28 percent are headed to community college; and 8 percent will attend a vocational school. "Looking at our survey from 2015 to 2018, the number of students planning on going to community college has increased 9 percent," D said the foundation's chair.

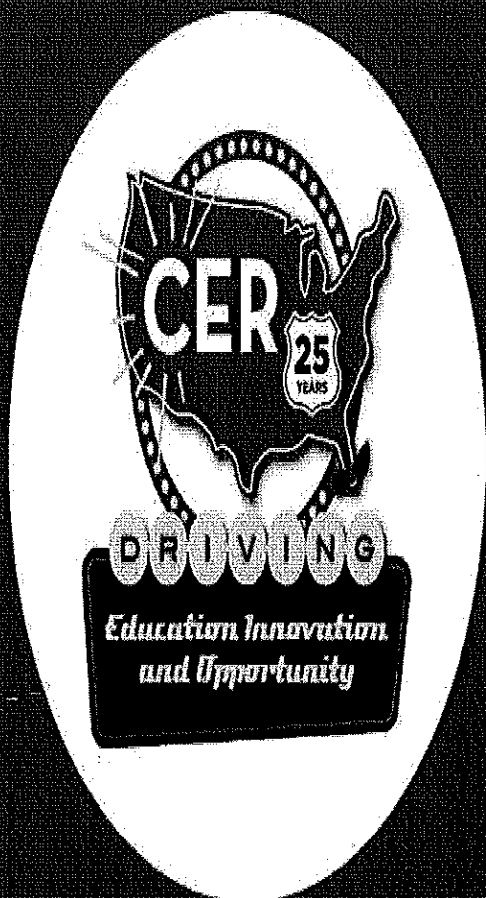
**A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN.** An informative and well-reasoned argument in favor of the president's proposed merger of the Departments of Education and Labor by the founder and director Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, Anthony Carnevale.

*"[When] the Education Department was created...two-thirds of jobs required no more than a high school education. Remarkably, 30 percent of good jobs were held by high school dropouts. Now, 55 percent of good jobs require at least a bachelor's degree... There was a time, perhaps, when these departments could stand apart. But no more. At their core, both share the same goal: to create fully functional adults. In a capitalist economy, that means you have to have a job. And in today's world, to get a good job, you need an education... With this combined department, we have an opportunity to realize that education and jobs are inextricably linked."*

**REALITY CHECK W/JEANNE ALLEN.** Many passionate ed reformers and teachers in general come to the profession from other walks of life or different training but Beth Anderson but has been a teacher since 1991 (beginning her career as a Teach for America instructor teaching bilingual kindergartners in LA). Today, she is CEO of the successful and continually innovative Phoenix Charter Academy Network of schools that challenges students with rigorous academics and relentless support. Listen in!

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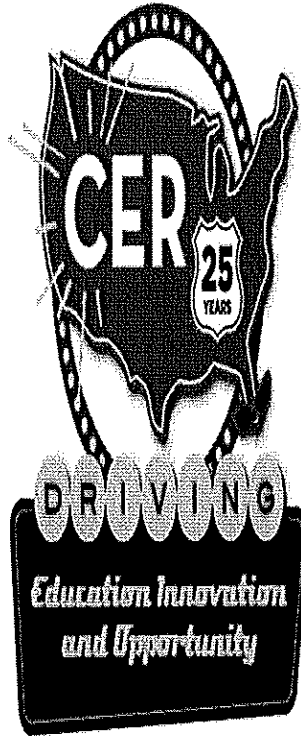
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## U.S. Supreme Court Rules in favor of Mark Janus in *Janus v. AFSCME*

### **Statement by Jeanne Allen, Founder & CEO**

It's a great day in Washington, DC! The high court's decision strikes a blow for the freedom guaranteed to individuals under the constitution. No citizen of the United States can be compelled to support speech that he or she does not believe in or endorse, and by upholding that constitutional protection, the court has affirmed a critical principle of freedom.

This is good news for the nation, for thousands of educators who have long been exploited by the teachers unions, and for families whose educational opportunities have been compromised by their political activity. When it comes to education, the most fundamental of all policies that shape our futures, no longer can the union compel people to support activities and positions regardless of principle.

In affirming the position of Mark Janus, the United States Supreme Court finally ends the decades-long assault on worker freedom. While unions, particularly the teachers' unions, have and will continue to decry the ruling, they would do well to look beyond the revenue-generating dollars-and-cents loss that it will entail and see the opportunity that it presents – the opportunity to secure support for their work based not on coercion, but on voluntary support from those who truly believe in the in the ideas, actions and pronouncements of any association to which they now may truly choose to belong.

Education in America is in the midst of a major transformation, which is struggling to realize its full potential in the face of limiting contractual and oppositional forces. From apathy to lack of knowledge to deliberate impediments created by unions, these obstacles have kept education from advancing into 21st century.

The unions now have a chance to join the movement, and embrace the cause of improving education for parents seeking new opportunities for their children, and for children in need of opportunities for innovative individualized learning options, or they get out of the way entirely. While hope springs eternal, we doubt, sadly, that wither will occur. Thankfully, however, teachers will now be able to exercise their own power in impacting the needs of children and families in the education process and policies supporting it.

Kudos to the Court, to Mark Janus, to Rebecca Friedrichs who began the journey before him, and to all who are engaged in the fight for liberty and justice.

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**Columbus, OH --** Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of **The Buckeye Institute**, issued the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*.

"The Supreme Court today in *Janus v. AFSCME* announced its basic rule of human decency and common sense: consent matters-and our hardworking public-sector workers can no longer be forced to pay for political speech or other activities without their affirmative consent."

The Buckeye Institute also announced the launch of its **WorkersChoose.org** website to assist public-sector workers with information about how to notify their unions about whether they would like to consent or not.

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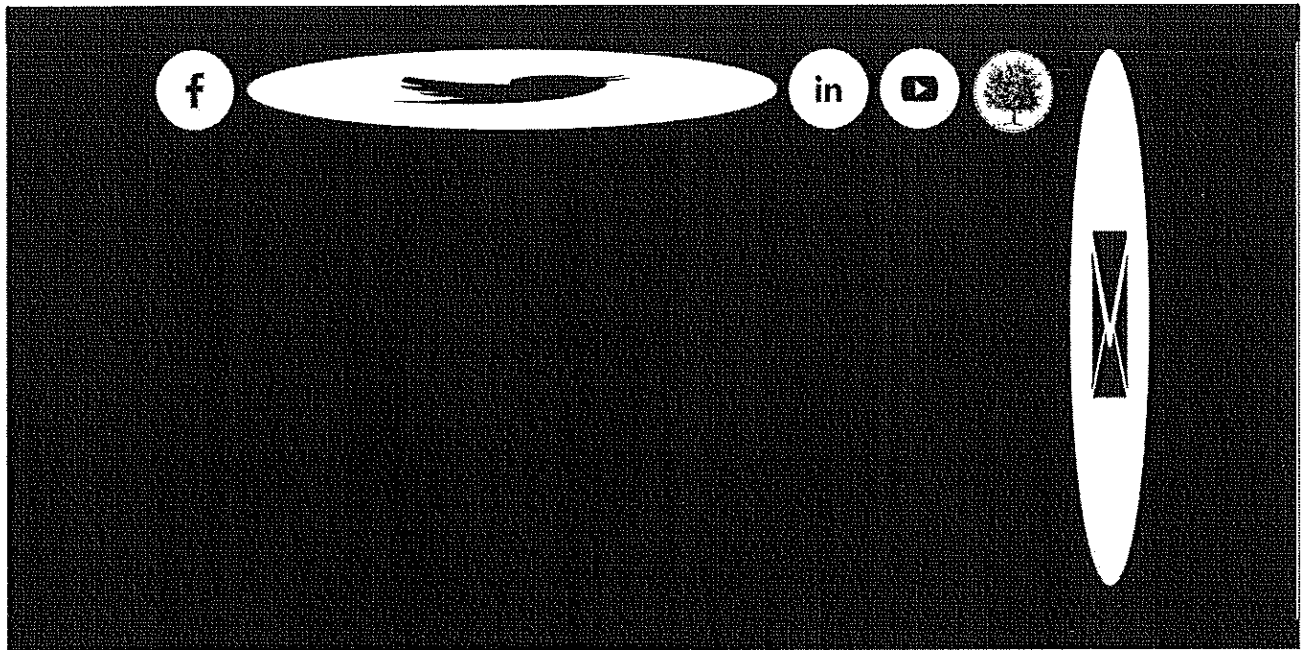
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- The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that public sector workers who choose not to join a labor union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. The court's decision overturns a precedent set in 1977 and upends laws in 22 states. (NPR News)
- Lawmakers in the House defeated, in a 121-301 vote, the compromise immigration measure that Republican leaders had hoped would unite moderates and conservatives. The House is now likely to try to pass a narrow bill that would allow families to be detained together when the adults are taken into custody for illegally crossing the border. (USA Today)

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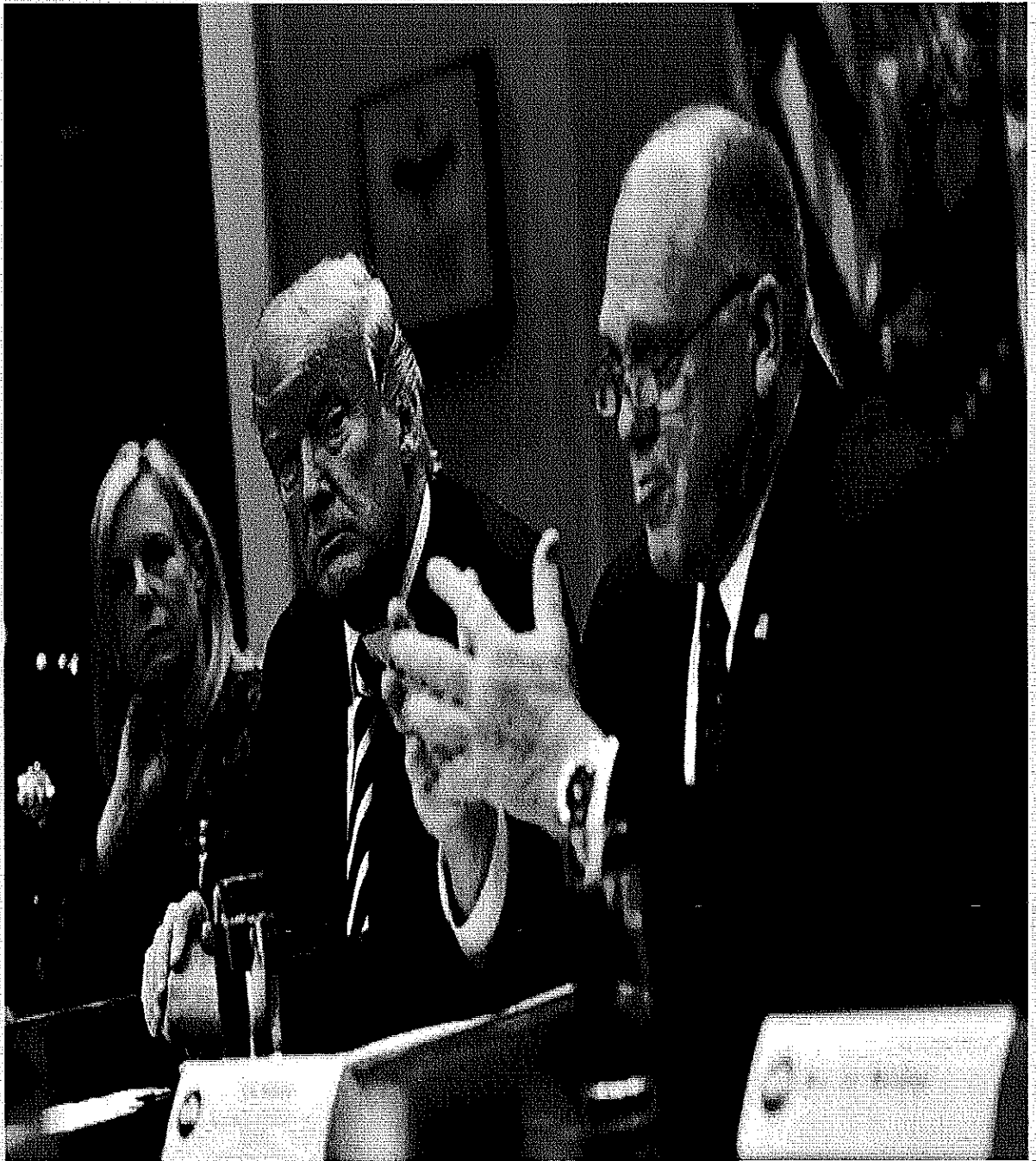
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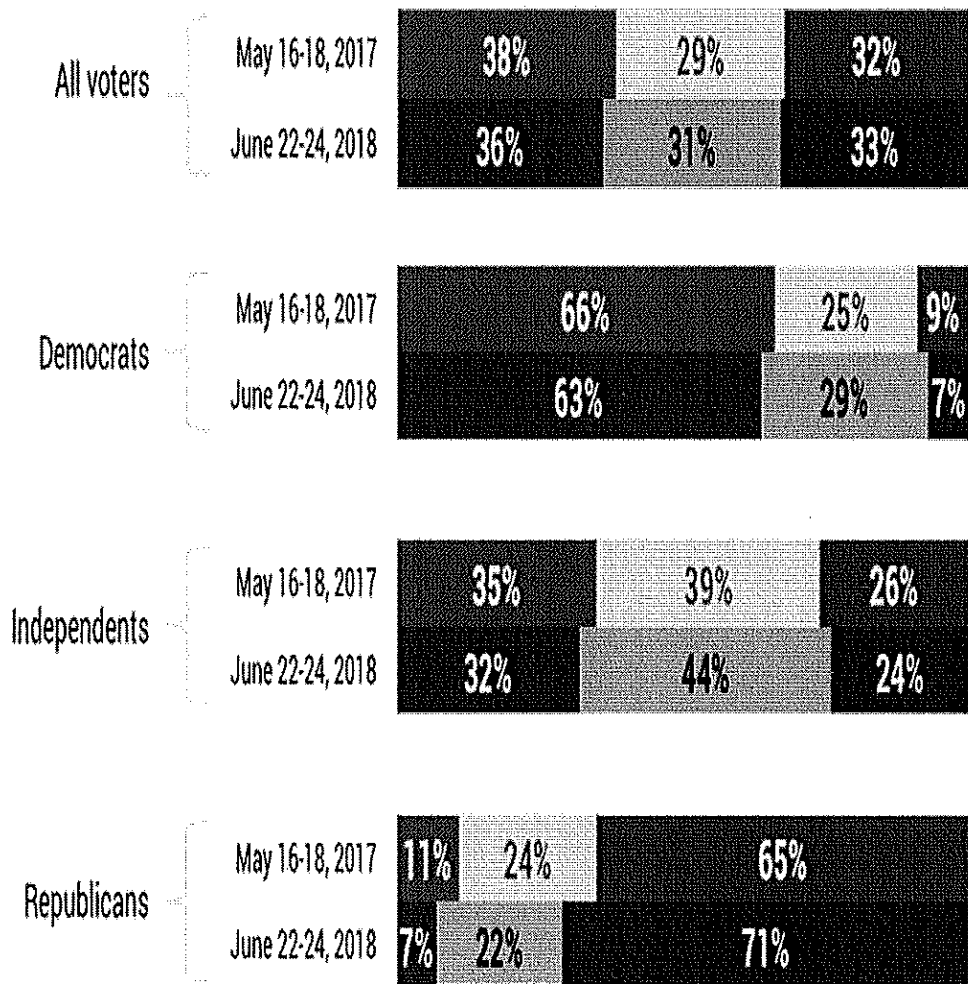
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### **Analysis: Where Do We Go From Here?** **Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call**

On Monday evening, Judy Woodruff asked me and USA Today's Susan Page on the "PBS NewsHour" how the country moves forward from its current state of division. I didn't have a good answer.

## **Research Reports and Polling**

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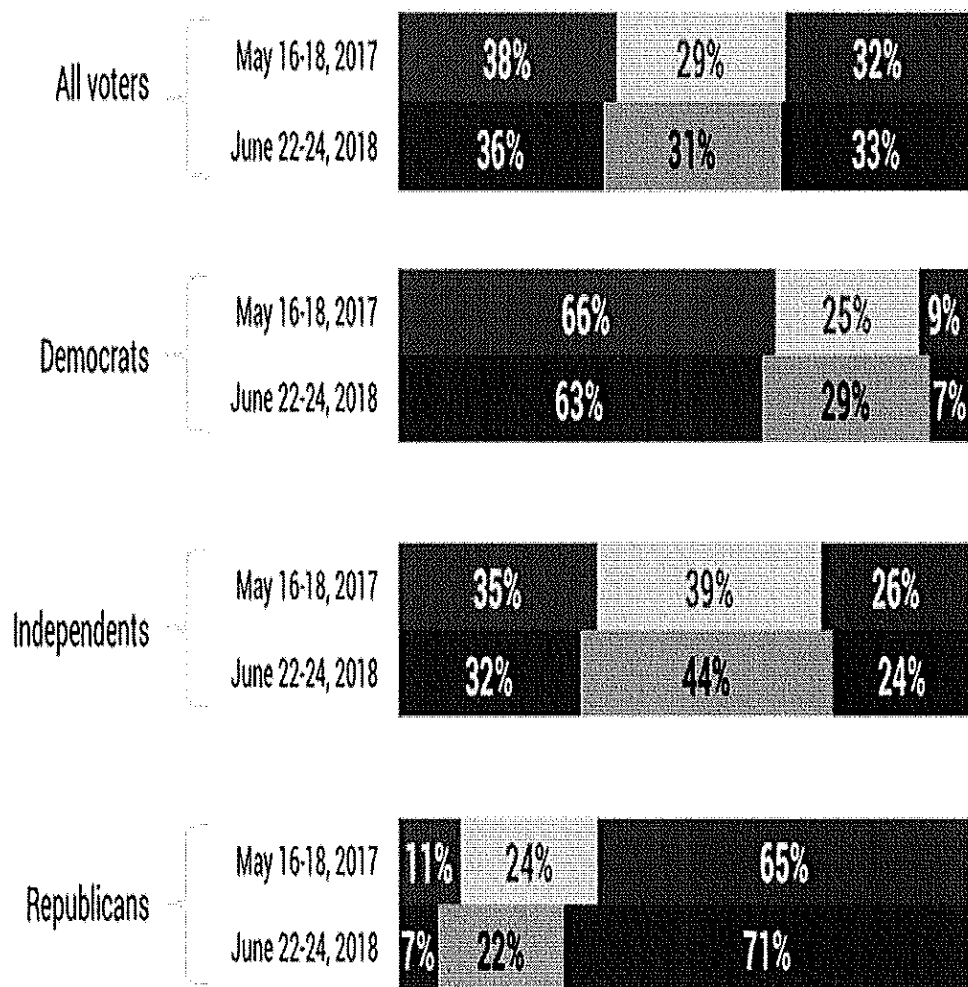
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The Supreme Court concluded a blockbuster term on Wednesday with a landmark ruling upholding the First Amendment rights of public workers. Justice Neil Gorsuch's first term on the Court and Anthony Kennedy's last turned out to be a banner year for constitutional liberties. The Court saved its most anticipated decision for last as a 5-4 majority in *Janus v. Afsome* overturned the Court's flawed 1977 *Abood* decision that



allowed states to require workers who don't belong to a union to pay "agency fees" to support collective bargaining.

### **Analysis: Where Do We Go From Here?** **Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call**

On Monday evening, Judy Woodruff asked me and USA Today's Susan Page on the "PBS NewsHour" how the country moves forward from its current state of division. I didn't have a good answer.

## **Research Reports and Polling**

### **Sixty-Two Percent View Planned Parenthood Favorably** **Jim Norman, Gallup**

Sixty-two percent of Americans hold a favorable opinion of Planned Parenthood, the powerful pro-choice group whose high-profile role in the abortion debate has thrust it into the news once again this month. President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders are attempting to cut off federal funding for the organization because of its role as a major provider of abortions across the nation.



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## Top Stories

- Republicans are ramping up the pressure on red-state Democrats up for re-election this year, daring them to oppose President Donald Trump's eventual nominee to replace Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy when he retires in July. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said yesterday that the Senate will confirm Kennedy's successor this fall. ([The New York Times](#))
- Christopher Wray, the Federal Bureau of Investigation director, and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein are set to testify before the House Judiciary Committee today about by the Department of Justice's inspector general report that allies of President Donald Trump claim proves bias in the bureau's Russia investigation. Their visit comes after Peter Strzok, a senior FBI agent who wrote text messages criticizing Trump during the 2016

campaign, was questioned in a closed-door session Wednesday.  
(Los Angeles Times)

- Trump campaigned last night in Fargo, N.D., where he urged voters to fire Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D), who he's praised in the past, in November. In his remarks, Trump criticized House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, who lost his primary in New York Tuesday night and said he was happy House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and California Rep. Maxine Waters would remain the faces of the Democratic Party heading into the midterms. (The Associated Press)

## Chart Review

**Republicans More Likely Than Before to Trust Trump Over Political Media**  
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